enable the reader to draw his own inferences as to what exactly the Raja Rishi wanted to convey in his masterly allegory:

" *1.* Chitra, the son of Gargya (or Gangya), wishing to offer a sacrifice, appointed Aruni (son of Aruna) as his priest. He sent his son Swetaketu, saying, " Get the sacrifice done". When Swetaketu had seated himself, Chitra questioned him thus : " 0 son of Gautama (another name of Aruni, he having been a descendant of Gautama), is there any secret place in this world where you can place me ? Or, is there any other way leading to a world where you can place me ?" He said:

<c I do not know this, let me ask my teacher." Having come to his father, he questioned him thus :

<{ Chitra questioned me thus; how am I to answer him." Aruni said, "I too do not know this. We will go and study this part of the Veda in Chitra's Council. As others give us knowledge, (so will he give it). Come, let both of us go." Aruni, with fuel in hand (after the manner of a candidate for initiation) approached the son of Gargya with the words: <(Let me be initiated by you." Chitra said to him, ((You deserve to be honoured as Brahman, 0 Gautama, since you felt no

pride ; come,
I shall explain the matter clearly to you."
[11]*2.* Chitra said: All those who depart from this
world go to the moon. The moon rejoices in their lives in
the former (or bright) fortnight, but in the latter (or dark)
fortnight it does not please them. One who refuses to live
in the moon, which is the way to heaven, the moon causes to
be born in a higher world. One who does not so refuse, the
moon sends down in the form of rain. He is born here,
according to his deeds and his knowledge, in these bodies,
either as an insect, or a fly, a bird, a tiger, a lion, a fish, a
serpent or a man. When he comes, the moon (or some
preceptor) asks him "who are you?" He should answer
him thus : [<(] The Gods sent and placed me into an active man
as seed from the skilful moon, the embodiment of the seasons,